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EXPERT JEWELER  
AND REGISTERED OPTOMETRIST

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Circuit Court will convene in Selmer the third Monday in October, instead of the third Monday in September. Judge R. B. Baptist, who has been sick for so long, will likely be able to resume his duties on the bench at that term of court.

Capt. Gordon Browning, democratic nominee for Congress in the Eighth district, was a pleasant visitor to our office Tuesday. Capt. Browning is a brilliant lawyer of Huntingdon, and during the world war commanded a battery in the 114th Field Artillery, and is a young man of sterling qualities. Capt. Browning will make good in Congress.

There would be very little dissatisfaction shown by the people, if the members of the county highway commission would do just exactly what the law says for them to do, and take the people into their confidence. Whatever is done should be made known to the taxpayers, and let them be fully advised as to all steps taken. No one is to be blamed for a desire to have a route pass by his door, but in efforts to secure such, the first interest to consider is that of the county, and not of the individual.

Some counties in West Tennessee are getting results in matters of road building by adopting the co-operative plan. For instance a community or neighborhood will agree to take charge of a certain grading, filling, etc., and go the county 50-50 on it. The community or neighborhood will get up money and labor for one half, and the county highway commission takes care of the other half. Much good is being done. Now let us begin and during this and the next month put these roads in condition.

If counties in Tennessee seeking to avail themselves of the state and federal aid for roads, employ an engineer, and have him survey certain routes, why can't McNairy county be permitted to do that. It looks now like the county has not much to do with any plan. From reports the engineers get orders from the state highway department as to the route he must take and survey. The county employs the engineer because of his recognized ability to survey and locate. If the highway department is to initiate these routes, we had better postpone all these matters about preliminary surveys until we can all find out where we are.

## MONUMENTAL WORK

To the People of McNairy County:

I am located at Bethel Springs. I operate and maintain my own shop, and am therefore not an agent for the retail dealer, but a dealer myself, and in position to give you better figures than you can procure elsewhere. All workmanship and material guaranteed to please every customer. You need not be afraid of the lettering and finishing, as I have an efficient mechanic, a Mr. Thorpe of Jackson, working with me. Mr. Thorpe is as good a sculptor as is in the state.

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## MONUMENTAL WORK

Misses Claudie Sanders and Olive Williams were the guests of Mrs. H. B. Mills of Kendrick last Saturday.

Messrs F. A. Berry and J. D. Timlake and families were guests of J. T. Williams and family Sunday.

B. L. Sanders and wife were guests of relatives at Kendrick Sunday.

As the result of playing baseball Saturday afternoon, J. D. Timlake received a bad bruise on the chin.

Miss Nell Timlake and little sister of Corinth were guests of relatives here last week.

We now have an interesting Bible class here every Sunday at 9:30 a. m., and we invite everyone to attend.

### From Liberty

Mrs. Laura Plunk is very low at this writing.

Oscar Gage is in the hospital at Corinth.

Ernest Holland and wife of Blytheville, Ark., are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Hurst of McNairy is visiting her mother here.

Monroe Plunk and family from Jackson were the guests of relatives here last week.

Carlos Barnes and wife spent a few days with the former's parents last week.

W. B. Plunk and wife were recent visitors here.

Alex Morris was a business visitor here Monday.

Amos Tacker was a week-end social visitor here.

Otis Plunk, accompanied by his mother and sister, went to Selmer Monday.

Eber Holland and wife visited Bethel Springs Monday.

Jack and Albert Gage went to Corinth Tuesday to see the former's son, who is in a hospital.

Everett Sheffield and wife visited the latter's mother Sunday.

Misses Blanche Plunk and Grace Weaver were shopping in Bethel Springs Monday.

W. A. Hill and family visited relatives recently.

Miss Violet Reed is at home after teaching two months.

### HOME SERVICE FOR EVERYBODY IN NEED

Do you know what the present day Home Service of the American Red Cross is?

Many people do not know that, besides completing the work for ex-service men, especially the disabled, it provides the same neighborly service to families in general that it formerly gave families of soldiers, sailors and marines.

"Home Service covers a wide and varied field," says Frederick C. Monroe, general manager of the American Red Cross. "It gives aid to families in solving such problems as budget planning, marketing, tiding over times of financial stress, keeping children in school, helping crippled children, widowed and deserted mothers, children backward in school and children in conflict with the law. It renders service to the homeless and transient, to the illiterate, to tenement dwellers, to the unemployed, and gives friendly assistance and advice to foreign speaking groups."

In addition to helping families in the solution of their own problems, Home Service helps in strengthening the weak spots in the social life of communities. It joins hands with others to make communities safer, healthier and happier.

Organizing action along lines in which the community is already interested is one of the objects of Home Service. It has established community meetings, patriotic celebrations, pageants and picnics. Rest rooms, recreation facilities, play supervisors and moving pictures have been provided. Through Home Service other agencies are influenced to bring about improved commercial amusements and better school facilities and to promote traveling libraries as well as to secure county agricultural and home demonstration agents.

If you need assistance at any time, go to the secretary of the nearest Red Cross chapter and describe the situation. Your confidence will be sacredly respected and every possible effort will be made to aid you.

American Red Cross Roll Call.  
The Fourth Annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross will be held this year from Armistice Day, November 11, to Thanksgiving Day, November 25, inclusive. During this period the men and women of the United States will pay their annual dues and renew their membership.

WANTED—Correspondent to write the news and happenings in every community in the county. The Independent.

### SAND BOX

The county court ought to lead into the matter of these expensive survey of roads, and if they find no actual benefits to the people as a whole are derived, let them stop the whole works.

The Sheriff could stop a lot of the violations of the use of auto license tags.

A spur track has been built and a passenger coach and box cars set on this track will have to do Selmer for a depot for some time.

The State Highway Department could satisfy the people of McNairy county by telling them about where these proposed good roads are to go. The engineers should also be given an opportunity to tell just when the folks who pay the \$165 a mile are to be let into the secret.

The cotton gin in Selmer is now ready to do business. Cleo Parr is running the picture show in Selmer and proposes to give the public good shows every Friday and Saturday nights.

Let the county court the first Monday in October devise some plan to let the people know something about the road progress.

Looks as if the offers of free gravel and right-of-ways without cost should have some bearing on those who have the directing of routing the proposed roads for this county.

Selmer streets are in the awfullest shape since the town went by the name of New South, and for some reasons they are obstructed with logs, blocks, etc., until safety for the traveler is out of question.

Reason given by some officers in this county for failure to enforce the laws is that the offices do not pay enough to cause them to exert themselves to enforce the laws.

All such officers should either resign or ousted from office by due process of law.

New sorghum is now on the market at \$1.50 a gallon.

We have inquiries every few days concerning the road question. All we know that the cost of the preliminary surveys has been around \$2500.

Those who might enlighten the taxpayers 'aint puttin' out nothin'.

J. E. Hamilton, the barber shop manager, is buying guns, ammunition and bird dogs, and will be ready to kill the limit of quail every time he goes out during the quail hunting season.

The attendance at the Selmer High School is increasing, the interest manifested was never greater, and the prospects fine for the greatest school in the history of the town.

We are glad to give our space to any of the things which will promote the interests of the county, but there's no use trying to slip us the funny stuff—we will not publish it.

In the recent Maine election there was a republican landslide.

The lord mayor of Cork still lives, but should he die the British will have their hands full trying to quiet the populace of the emerald isle.

Vardaman still raves down in Ole Miss.

Tom Montgomery is back on his job as chef at Miller's Cafe.

There seems to be a feeling throughout many sections of the county that there is some politics being injected into the survey of the road routes.

Who knows? Caffey and Gravelhill, both in the 5th district, have offered attractive propositions to the road commission which would, if accepted, save the county considerable money, but saving the county money on this road proposition doesn't amount to much with the State Highway Department who are directing the matter of the \$165 a mile preliminary surveying of road routes.

A big crew is now at work pushing the college additions rapidly along.

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### CIRCUIT COURT IS POSTPONED

I am authorized to announce that the Circuit Court for McNairy County has been postponed till the 3rd Monday in October. Jurors, witnesses and litigants will be governed accordingly. J. B. GRAHAM, Sept. 9, 1920. Clerk.

### Gravelhill

The heavy rains and wind last week did much damage to cotton and corn.

Moving the gin from this place was a slam on the community. It seems that some of us never appreciate an accommodation until it is too late.

We hope some one will see fit to put a gin in, and all will work together to hold it, as it is badly needed and this is one of the best stands in the county for a gin.

The week-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hamm died Wednesday and the remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery.

George Armstrong and family of Memphis have been visiting relatives here.

Tedford Jordan and Miss Elsie McCoy of this place entered the Selmer High School this week.

Work on the church here was hindered last week on account of the rainy weather.

Mrs. Elizabeth Huggins had the pleasure of attending her meeting Saturday and Sunday for the first time in several years.

A large crowd of youngsters attended a singing Saturday evening at the home of Miss Ice Huggins.

Forty men, women and children enjoyed a good dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Armstrong Sunday.

### NURSING SERVICE IS RAPIDLY EXPANDING

This American Red Cross Work Flourishing in Small Towns Throughout Country.

More than 37,000 graduate nurses have been enrolled in the American Red Cross to date and its department of nursing is daily increasing this enrollment.

The department of nursing has been authorized to maintain an adequate reserve of nurses for the army and navy. It will continue to supply the needs of the United States Public Health Service to which it has assigned more than 1,000 nurses in the last year.

It will assist in establishing proper nursing service in foreign countries where the American Red Cross has organized hospitals, dispensaries and schools for nurses. Courses in home hygiene and care of the sick have been started for thousands of women who have never received any education in this direction.

Rural nursing which was in its infancy a short while ago has been put ahead at least a decade through the work of the department of nursing and local Red Cross chapters.

Public health nursing has been extended to many rural communities and now flourishes actively in hundreds of small towns and counties. Nearly a thousand efficient nurses have already been assigned to this kind of work.

The department of nursing is uniting with other organizations in a year's campaign in recruiting nurses for training schools, in educating the general public as to standards of nursing education and in showing communities their responsibility toward schools of nursing. It will endeavor to meet all these needs as well as to continue the enrollment of dietitians who will be utilized as instructors in home dietetics, in developing nutritional clinics, and in supplying dietitians for the United States Public Health Service and the civilian hospitals.

The Nursing Service will continue to offer to women and young girls the opportunity of securing instruction in home hygiene and care of the sick in every community in the country. This instruction has not only laid the foundation for public health but in some places has given impetus to the establishment of hospitals and community school houses.

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One farm of 125 acres 10 miles North of Adamsville.  
One farm of 47 acres of bottom land North of Adamsville.  
One farm of 77 acres good land near Enville.  
One farm of 44 acres good bottom land in McNairy County.  
One farm of 100 acres in McNairy County.  
One farm of 54 acres in McNairy County near Adamsville.  
One farm of 145 acres in McNairy County near Adamsville.  
One farm in Hardin County good land 100 acres.  
One farm of 52 acres a fine cotton farm good improvements.  
One farm of 290 acres the very best improved farm to be had.  
One farm of 38 acres good land in McNairy County.  
One farm of 525 acres good land in Hardin County.  
One farm of 360 acres in McNairy County good land and good timber.  
One farm of 110 acres in McNairy County good land.  
One farm of 84 3-4 acres in McNairy County.  
One farm of 912 acres in the County of McNairy.  
One farm of 107 acres in McNairy County.  
One farm of 40 acres good land on Tennessee River.  
One farm of 114 2-3 acres in Hardin County.  
One farm of 82 acres on mud Creek McNairy County.  
One farm in McNairy County near Adamsville.  
We also have property in the Town of Adamsville we will take pleasure in showing you.  
If you want your land sold come and list your property with us and we will do our bit to help promote a sale.

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